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The Times recently issued a bulky supplement dealing with trade movements, and changes all over the world. Under the heading "China" the condition of the silk industry is reviewed. The facts and figures given have been more or less available from other sources. The writer notes that the nature of the Chinese silk industry presents the complication of any exhaustive statistics, even if it is not the case—any Government statistical Bureau had attempted to gather the information. Under the Republic, however, the establishment of such a Bureau is provided for or contemplated, and may in due course be established. It is possible, he adds, that the industry is reaching a critical stage. Apart from the deterioration of Chinese silk, due to the neglect of scientific methods of culture, there is on the one hand the persistent and ever-increasing competition of Japan, where the Government is making great efforts to foster and improve sericulture. On the other hand, the establishment of the Republic has led to a change of dress. The adoption of foreign clothes in the place of the national costume implies a change from silk to wool. It may be too early to gauge the effect on the silk trade with any accuracy, as it is generally believed that with reasonable care China could produce a cotton that would compare favourably with that of America. The question has received the attention of provincial governments, and with stability and a fuller exchange in Peking, improvements in cotton growing will figure among the first practical reforms of a Republican Government.

In Yarn the China mills have now begun to challenge both Indian and Japanese imports, their output being about 50 per cent. of the combined imports of these two countries. But with important additions being made to several mills, it is evident that greater competition may be anticipated. Under "Japan" textile manufactures, cotton and wool are dealt with but the information given has been fully covered in our own columns.

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## MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

TUESDAY, August 5.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture at No. 2 Peak Road by Messrs. Hughes & Hough.  
3 p.m.—Auction of Steamer "Wing Hon" by Mr. Geo. P. Lamont.

## General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, August 6.—  
Noon.—Meeting of Members of Geo. Fenwick & Co. Ltd. (in Liquidation).  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's Sales Rooms.  
5 p.m.—Auction of Cattle at Kennedy's Stables by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

THURSDAY, August 7.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, at 29 Robinson Road by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.  
9.15 p.m.—Concert at Peak Hotel.

FRIDAY, August 8.—  
5 p.m.—1 Mile Swimming Championship at V.B.C.  
9.15 p.m.—Promenade Concert on H.K. C.C. ground.

## The China Mail

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1913.

## TYPHOONS IN HONGKONG.

At this time of the year a few particulars of the typhoons which have visited the Colony in recent years may not be out of place. It must first be noted that it is not an easy matter to say exactly when we have had a typhoon or when we have escaped it. Typhoons vary so greatly in size and intensity that a given distance from the centre is no criterion.

We often have a much heavier blow with the centre 100 miles away than when it is within 50 miles. The Kowloon Observatory has adopted an arbitrary standard of 80 miles an hour wind velocity as a full typhoon and 48 miles an hour as a typhoon gale. Taking this basis, the Observatory records enable us to give the following table, showing all the typhoons which have occurred in Hongkong during the last twenty-nine years.

## Typhoons in Hongkong.

| Date           | Duration | Highest wind velocity |
|----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1884 Sep. 10th | 5 hours  | 89 miles              |
| 1893 Oct. 2nd  | 2 "      | 81 "                  |
| 1894 Sep. 25th | 3 "      | 80 "                  |
| 1894 Oct. 5th  | 3 "      | 85 "                  |
| 1896 July 20th | 5 "      | 108 "                 |
| 1900 Nov. 10th | 1 "      | 90 "                  |
| 1902 Aug. 2nd  | 1 "      | 82 "                  |
| 1908 July 28th | 1 "      | 81 "                  |

It will be noticed that the 1900 typhoon is not included, the wind having reached a velocity of only 77 miles per hour.

In October, 1894, and again in July 1908 the anemometer was damaged and the true record is probably higher than that given, and it must further be remembered that the instrument gives the hours run, and takes no account of violent squalls, but the figures at least give the best available means of comparing one typhoon with another.

Only 11 typhoons in twenty-nine years is, however, rather a small number to take averages with or to dogmatize over. It might, for in-

stance be said that June was not a typhoon month and that November was, or that July was as bad a month as September, and one has to turn to the typhoon gales, i.e. to those instances when a typhoon has come near enough and been severe enough to give a wind velocity of 48 miles in an hour at the Observatory to get a more correct idea of the duration of the typhoon season. The following table gives the number of typhoon gales recorded in the 29 years.

| Typhoon gales       |
|---------------------|
| June ... .. 2       |
| July ... .. 10      |
| August ... .. 11    |
| September ... .. 17 |
| October ... .. 8    |
| November ... .. 1   |

It has been said that August is 1 of a typhoon month, figures given above scarcely support this. There is, however, a curious fall in the typhoon season (so far as Hongkong is concerned) about the end of August, which can only be seen by examining the observatory returns in detail. If this is done, it will be found that there is a maximum of typhoon gales about the end of July and the beginning of August, that their frequency then gradually declines till the beginning of September, indeed during the first week in September no typhoon gale has been recorded during the twenty-nine years, after the first week in September up to the beginning of October gales are as common as in the end of July. Their frequency then quickly declines, and by the third week in October the typhoon season is generally over, the November typhoon of 1900 was an isolated exception.

Probably the worst typhoons experienced in Hongkong in the past twenty-nine years were those of Oct. 5th, 1894, when the gale lasted for thirty hours, July 20th, 1896, when the highest wind velocity at the Observatory was recorded, and July 28th, 1908, when the gale was of short duration but very severe, though the maximum is uncertain owing to damage to the anemometer. The 1900 typhoon obtained its notoriety not by excessive wind force, but by the excessive damage done to shipping, owing partly to the failure of the forecasts and partly to the fact that the gale came from the west, to which quarter the harbour is more exposed than to any other.

We have had as long a spell as eight years without a typhoon, and we have had two in one year. We often have a year without a typhoon gale, and we have had as many as five in one year.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Father Bernard Vaughan has been ordered to take a complete rest after his arduous life during the past 15 months.

Lady Scott has undertaken to execute a bust of the late Captain Scott in bronze to be placed in the new municipal buildings at Devonport.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The German gunboat, *Iliss*, sailed for Canton on Saturday.

The English Mail of the 5th July was delivered in London on the 2nd August.

Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, the head of the Standard Oil Trust, was stepping into his motor-car after leaving church, when he was greeted by two little girls dressed in white. The multi-millionaire stopped, pulled two quarters from his pocket, and gave one to each of the children. "I started my fortune with less," he said, "than you have."

A party of over twenty members of the E. G. A. Sergeants' Sports Club, Victoria Barracks, some accompanied by their wives, paid a visit to Macao yesterday by the s.s. "On Lee." The weather being propitious, the outing was much enjoyed. Most of the places of interest were visited, one specially interesting being the entrance to Chinese Territory, where just beyond the Customs Station, where a number of Chinese soldiers, seemingly well equipped. Those of the party who visited the district were told that nearly 1,000 Chinese soldiers were in the vicinity, all of some years' service in the Army, and had just been sent down to relieve others of less experience. The return journey was made somewhat lengthily by a stay in the mid at Macao of an hour and a half. The catering of the Shipping Company deserves a special word of praise.

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## RIVER BOATS SHELLED.

## RIDDLED WITH BULLETS.

Passengers and Crew Shot.

The passengers and crew of the river boat *Wok Wai*, which reached Hongkong this morning, had a terrible experience on the West River on Saturday morning.

The steamer, a small boat of the usual river type flying the Chinese flag and owned by the Hing Wah Co., put into harbour riddled with bullets and shelled holes, two of her passengers dead, and eight others of the passengers and crew wounded.

The *Wok Wai* was steaming near Shamshui at ten o'clock on Saturday morning when suddenly without any warning she was struck by a perfect hail of bullets and small shells from both banks.

The boat's assistants, who were so well concealed that not a soul could be seen by those on board, aimed at the deck houses, and some of their bullets struck the passengers' heads, and one of the two steersmen fell mortally wounded.

A panic was caused among the crew and passengers, and the pilot was so alarmed that he jumped overboard. What became of him is not known, for he has not since been seen.

The predicament of those on board was intensified by the bursting of the main steam pipe, which disabled the ship and so made it impossible for her to get out of reach of the pirates or soldiers on the banks. Some of the engineers pluckily effected repairs, however, and the ship was then able to proceed. Soon after she got under way again, according to the story told to a "China Mail" representative by one of the crew, over a thousand soldiers were seen on the river banks. The rest of the journey to Hongkong was performed in safety.

The ship, which is lying at her wharf at the western end of the Praya, presents a remarkably battered appearance. Every cabin on the lower deck is riddled with bullet holes, and large holes in two or three on the starboard side, which evidently drew the hottest artillery fire, show where shells found their mark. This deck and the one above is full of holes, and many of the cabin windows are gone, their frames splintered to matchwood. The soldiers were evidently armed with fairly good weapons, for some of the shots passed right through the cabins and out on the other side.

The upper deck, on which are the steering house, captain's and officers' cabins and the ship's boats, was subjected to a perfect hail of lead, as the battered awnings show. This part of the boat also suffered severely from shell fire, one missile passing through one of the boats, hitting the cabin sides, and exploding on deck, making a hole over two feet across. "Child-like" in "child-like" boxes in some of the cabins were torn to pieces. The attackers evidently fired high, for so far as can be seen from the wharf there is not a hole in the boat lower than the passenger deck. Their object was evidently to kill the passengers and not to sink the ship. Had she sunk the passengers and crew would have been in an even worse plight, for there was not a boat left on board which would have been of any service.

The *Wok Wai* is manned entirely by Chinese and so far as can be ascertained there were no Europeans on board.

The crew report that two other Chinese river-boats were close to the *Wok Wai* when she was fired upon, but they do not know what became of them. The police have received a message stating that the boats mentioned are the *Ced* and the *Shing-tung*.

The *Wong Wai* was flying the five-barred Republic flag at the time of the incident.

## 225,000.

## Costs in the Great will suit.

COUNSELLOR'S FIGURE.

The London "Evening Standard" states that the costs in the great Sackville will suit will probably amount to the sum of £25,000.

The hearing of the suit lasted eight days, and the preparation of the case involved an enormous amount of time and expense. According to estimates, which have been made by the "Star" (Mr. Edmund Dixon, leading counsel for Lord Lind, Lady Sackville, was marked with a fee of two thousand guineas, while his daily retainer amounted to two hundred guineas.

Mr. E. E. Smith, who, with Mr. Hemmings, appeared for the defendant, received a fee of 150,000 guineas, and a daily retainer of 150 guineas.

The other leading counsel engaged in the case received similarly handsome fees, while the junior fees amounted on the average to two-thirds of those of their leaders.

In addition to all this, there were fees for consultations, heavy solicitors' costs, the costs and travelling expenses of the witnesses, the expenses incurred in collecting evidence, the costs of documents, and the cost of advertising broadcast the £10,000 reward for the missing codfish. With the exception of the National Telephone arbitration, the Sackville will suit ranks as the biggest law case heard in this session.

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## THE REVOLT.

## FOREIGNERS FIRED AT NEAR SHANGHAI.

## LATEST NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

## TROOPS FOR WOONANG.

A telegram from Shanghai states that Li Yuan Hung has dispatched an army from Hupoh to the Woonang district, which declared its independence about a week ago. A fight is imminent.

## TO BLOCKADE CANTON.

PEKING, August 4.

Commander Lung has telegraphed to cruisers to be sent to assist in blockading Canton.

## EIGHT THOUSAND PIRATES!

A Canton telegram states that there are 8,000 pirates collected at Loehing in the Shuntak district, and the character of their banners indicates that they will attack Chan Kwang Ming.

## SAMSHUI SOLDIERS DESERT.

The majority of the three thousand soldiers dispatched to Samshui by order of Chan Kwang Ming deserted after receiving their pay on August 31st.

## THE ATTACK ON WOOSUNG.

A Shanghai message states that 1,500 more soldiers have landed in the neighbourhood of Woosung Fort. In the last attack on the rebel fort no damage was sustained by either side, as the range was too great.

## THE SITUATION AT CANTON.

It is believed that there will not be any fighting at Canton, and that the city will not be bombarded. President Yuan has given orders to the investing forces to avoid damaging the city, as most of the inhabitants are loyal to the Central Government, and it is probable that the city will be blockaded, with the object of starving Chan Kwang Ming's troops into submission.

## FOOD FOR PEKING.

## PREPARING FOR A SIEGE.

The military authorities have given orders to local brokers for 70,000 lbs. of biscuits for the troops, and British residents of Canton in case there is fighting at the city and food supplies are cut off.

The contract is being distributed among the various bakers of the Colony; it is expected that it will not be completed for two or three weeks as there is a shortage of tins for packing the biscuits in.

The "North China Daily News" of the 30th ult. contains further details of the alarming situation in which Shanghai Settlement was in during the recent fighting.

## SHANGHAI AND THE SHELLS.

## STRONG CONSULAR PROTEST.

In consequence of the number of shells that fell over the Settlement on Monday night a strong protest was sent by the Consular body to the Government. Admirals at the Arsenal yesterday morning. We understand that in their reply the Admirals, while regretting the occurrence, expressed their absolute conviction that none of the shells which passed over the Settlement could have come from the guns of their men.

Apart from this Consular protest a meeting of the naval commanders in Port was held yesterday to discuss the question of warning the belligerents on both sides that if the Settlement was again endangered as on Monday night, the international forces would be compelled to take what action they thought fit to protect public safety. The result of the discussion has not yet come to light.

Yesterday afternoon the local cruiser *Ying-shui* was moved about half a mile down stream from her position opposite the Arsenal with a view to making her line of fire more at right angles to the line of the Settlement.

## THE INJURED BOY.

Inquiries made at the General Hospital last night elicited the information that the boy Remondio, who was wounded by a shell in the Public Garden on Monday night, was still very sick, but his condition was improving.

## THE PEACE PROPOSALS.

Up to the present the efforts towards a conclusion of the whole revolt by negotiation, for which Dr. Wu Ting-fang has been working, have not met with much success, for the rebel leaders are maintaining the Kuomintang attitude very strongly. It is believed that Dr. Wu has sent a communication to Yuan Shih-kai, but regarding this no information is to be had.

At the same time all the endeavours made from the above quarter to have the venue of hostilities shifted from Shanghai have proved abortive. Dr. Wu is understood to have pointed out to General Chen Chi-meng the futility of his desire to take the Arsenal, his argument being that if he did succeed in capturing it, the

Government forces would by that time have destroyed everything worth the taking. The General's reply was that the Arsenal is the property of the "South," not of the "North," and that it must be taken.

## UNPLEASANT EVENT IN CHAPEL.

CAPT. BARRETT FIRED ON.

There can be no two opinions with regard to the attitude taken up by some of the Chinese in regard to the controlling of the territory by the Municipality of the Settlement. Immediately upon the withdrawal of the volunteer forces in the early hours of yesterday morning, the Police, who had hitherto remained quiet, adopted an aggressive attitude. Sergt. Steel and a company of Indian police attempted to take up the duties of the volunteers. But as they arrived in the boundaries of Chapel they were met by an overwhelming body of police from the northern district and in the circumstances had no option but to retire to Settlement limits.

## JAPAN AND THE RISING.

## THE NEW MINISTER'S VIEWS.

PEKING, July 28.

Mr. Yamazaki, the new Japanese Minister to China, arrived yesterday evening. Interviewed by Reuters' representative, with regard to the Japanese attitude towards the present outbreak, Mr. Yamazaki endorsed the Japanese Legation's recent statement on the subject. He emphasized Japan's neutrality and emphatically denied that Japan is seeking to secure the independence of Manchuria.

Mr. Yamazaki added, "When the Japanese Government agreed in February to change its Minister at Peking it was intended that Mr. Ijima should leave in the Spring. He, Mr. Ijima, agreed to arrange for the change to take place in April, but affairs, not connected with China, caused a delay."

Mr. Yamazaki, when he visited China in November, was delighted to find that unity apparently existed between North and South, and quite unaware of the present regrettable situation. He added, "The Government troops make the gravest allegations against the Japanese, who, all through the attack, have been accused of giving covert assistance to the rebels. Originally the charges were confined principally to spying and the directing of attacks, but the Government forces now state that ammunition is being conveyed to the rebels by them under various guises. The most serious suggestion is that they have employed the Red Cross flag to smuggle ammunition into their lines, also carrying it in coffins and in whichever other manner offered."

All vehicles and receptacles of any kind now passing through the foreign lines, and on their way to the yards of action are being subjected to the most careful search.

A little later Capt. Barrett in the ordinary execution of his duty visited the North Honan Road Extension police station. A very threatening crowd was assembled and while he was there a rifle was levelled at him but it was knocked down by one of the crowd. Capt. Barrett then left the station and as he was going away someone in the crowd behind opened fire at the motor car. The matter was reported to headquarters, and with the consent of the Japanese Admiral, a detachment of 120 British blue-jackets, half the Light Horse, and two guns of the Artillery visited the district to overawe the malcontents. It is understood that Japanese sailors are to be sent into the district this morning.

It is worth mentioning that a foreigner on a tour of inspection of the district yesterday was held up three times between the headquarters of the police, and the station on the North Honan Road Extension, and twice rifles were levelled at him between this point and the Guildhall where the rebels were disarmed on Sunday morning.

## LOAN CONTRACTED BY DR. SUN.

For the purpose of rebellion Dr. Sun Yat-sen has privately contracted a loan from a certain British Company in Shanghai under the pretext of constructing the railway between Canton, Chungking and Fanchow. The contract consisting of 10 articles was signed on the 4th July without its being passed by the Assembly and the Government. But as it was feared that the funds would be utilized for rebellious purposes, the British merchants have decided not to pay over the instalments. "Peking Daily News."

## A CHALLENGE TO HEAVEN.

Ex-General Huang Hsing ends his bombastic manifesto with the appeal: "I have my selfish motives, then may Heaven destroy me." If a telegram from Nanking are correct, Heaven has already found one shot badly aimed. So apparently the challenge still holds good. "Peking Daily News."

## SHIPS IN COLLISION.

## THE "HANGSUNG" DAMAGED.

In the early hours of Saturday morning a collision occurred in the harbour between the *Banri Maru* and the Indo-China Company's boat *Hangsung*. *Banri Maru*, which had just arrived from Japan, in an endeavour to avoid a junk, struck the *Hangsung* bow on as she lay at her moorings, but as she has fiddle bows the *Hangsung* was not damaged below the water line. The junk was sunk, and her crew were rescued by the crew of the Indo-China steamer, which went into dock at Kowloon for repairs which will probably take four days to execute at a cost of about \$5,000. The *Banri Maru*, for whom Messrs. Dowell and Co. are local agents was on a voyage to Sourabaya. A Chinese launch run into a lighter belonging to the Green Island Cement Company near the Hongkong shore. The lighter sank at the Tsimshui ferry wharf but the Coxswain was able to keep his launch afloat but running her aground close to the Fraya Wall.

## TITANIC TEST ACTION.

## Jury's Verdict of Negligence.

STOOD TOO HIGH.

A Law Courts jury found on June 25 that the *Titanic* was navigated in a negligent manner.

The action was a test case brought by Mr. Patrick Ryan, a Co. Cork farmer, whose son was lost in the disaster. It was stated that there were a great number of similar actions, and that vast sums depended on the result.

Mr. Justice Balicheck, in summing up said there was no doubt the officers of the ship knew they were in the neighbourhood of ice.

"It will be for the jury," he added, "to consider whether, in the circumstances of this case, the *Titanic* was travelling at an excessive speed. What was the prudent thing to do when approaching a region not in which ice might be expected, but a region in which ice had been actually reported?"

The jury, after an absence of an hour and forty minutes, answered the questions put to them as follows:

Was the navigation of the *Titanic* negligent in respect of the look out?—No.

Was it negligent in respect of the speed?—Yes.

Was the message from the *Mesaba* (reporting ice) communicated in due course to some responsible officers of the *Titanic*?—No sufficient evidence.

The judge having left the Court, no decision was given on the jury's findings.

## MAMMOTHE HOTEL.

£1,250,000. Caravan at Hyde Park Corner.

## READY IN FOUR YEARS.

London is to have the finest and largest hotel in the world. It is to be erected at Hyde Park Corner on the site now occupied by St. George's Hospital, and will be ready for opening in about four years' time. The total cost will be little short of a million and a quarter.

The project has been in the air for some years, but it has only now been made definitely possible by the decision of the Westminster and St. George's Hospital governors to combine those institutions, to sell the sites upon which they stand, and to build a joint hospital in South London, probably near Wandsworth-bridge. Certain formalities, such as an arrangement with the Duke of Westminster for his rights of pre-emption over a certain portion of the site, have to be concluded, but we understand that the scheme is virtually set and fixed.

The site, which comprises the land upon which the hospital now stands, together with the houses Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9, Knights-bridge—rather more than an acre and a half—is to be sold for £2,000,000. The winner of the purchase and the proprietor of the new hotel are being kept secret for the present. We are informed, however, that they propose to spend about three quarters of a million upon the building, and that it will be ready for occupation in two years from the date on which they take over the site.

## TWO YEARS HENCE.

An arrangement has been made whereby the hospital will not be closed for two years from this date, in order that they may have ample time to erect their new institution at Wandsworth and enter into possession. The present building at Hyde Park Corner will then be demolished, and the work of erecting the new hotel begun immediately.

One of those connected with the enterprise informed a Press representative that the new hotel would be larger than any other in London, and that their aim was to make it the finest caravan in the world.

Plans have yet been definitely adopted, but the amount of money to be expended—£700,000—and the policy of the promoters ensure a building which will be one of the finest in London and quite in harmony with the locality.

The Chi-ene-who were the first to issue banknotes—instead of issuing them as a medium to suggest ways of spending money, sought to imbue those handling them with ideas of fragility. The Asiatic Museum at St. Petersburg recently acquired a banknote issued at Peking in 2800 B.C. in many respects similar to those now in use. It is of thin white paper, inscribed in blue ink with the number, name of bank, and date of issue, and is signed and sealed with red wax. Round the border is engraved the legend: "However much you may possess, strive to be thrifty."















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For particulars apply to Mr. Herbert F. Doh, Herbert Dent and Co., Shamoen.

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THE Steamship DELTA, Captain E. P. MARTIN, S.S., carrying His Majesty's mails will be despatched from this port for ROMBAI, on SATURDAY, the 10th Aug., 1913, at noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's Steamship Mongolia from Colombo. Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuable, and Tea and Cargo for France, and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo to the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, etc., will be conveyed via Bombay in the s.s. Arabia due in London on the 28th September, 1913.

Parcels will be received at this Office up to 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to

**E. A. HEWITT,**

Superintendent, Hongkong, July 19, 1913. 847

NOTICE TO CO-SHIPPERS.

FROM KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship Japan having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Care impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous holds of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

No fire insurance will be covered by the Underwriters.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriters.

**DAVID ASSHOON & Co., Ltd.,**

Agents, Hongkong, Aug. 4, 1913. 957

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship AMERICA, Capt. Knatch, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Underwriters at Hongkong and/or Kowloon.

Optional Cargo will be carried on non-notice to the contrary be given on board.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 10th inst. will be subject to sale.

All Broken, Oiled, and Damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th inst. at 9.30 a.m.

No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, August 4, 1913. 958

### POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The United States Mail per s.s. Nilo has been transferred to the s.s. Canada Maru, which is due to arrive here on Friday, the 8th August.

Mails will be closed for

SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.

Per Hongkong at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 5th Aug.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Per Tuen, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 5th Aug.

JAPAN VIA MOJI, HONOLULU, (MANZANILLO, SAGUNA, CROZ, ARICA, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO & CORONEL).

Per Ryo Maru, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, the 5th Aug.

STRAITS & INDIA VIA BOMBAY.

Per Capri, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Aug.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA & JAPAN VIA KOBE.

Per Katsura, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Aug.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Per Zefiro, at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Aug.

FORMOSA VIA KEELUNG, JAPAN VIA MOJI, VICTORIA & TACOMA.

Per Chicago Maru, at noon, on Thursday, the 7th Aug.

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## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

August 2.

Belgavia, German str., 6,648, Gierstein, Hamburg, and Singapore July 27, General.—HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Jagow, German str., 3,228, A. Enigh, Keelung July 31, General.—HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Parvus, British str., 4,290, D. Robinson, Poochow Aug. 1, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Nippon, British steamer, 2,501, H. E. Gilroy, Moji July 28, Coal and General.—JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO. LD.

Dainichi Maru, Japanese str., 1,943, N. Sudzuki, Moji July 27, Coal.—M. B. G. K.

Japan, British str., 3,806, C. P. Soddon, Moji July 29, Coal and General.—DAVID ASSHOON & CO. LD.

Zefiro, American steamer, 1,406, F. S. McMurtry, Manila July 31, Lumber and General.—SUNWAY, TONKS & CO.

Mitsui, British str., 1,448, W. H. Alcock, Sandakan July 28, Timber.—JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO. LD.

Hsiching, British steamer, 1,207, W. C. Pasmore, Moji Aug. 2, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO. LD.

Kidokawa Maru, Japanese str., 4,072, Inisawa, Seattle July 1, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Ambrisa, German steamer, 1,143, F. C. Kneibitz, New York June 14, General.—HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Kerem, British str., 5,871, Conrad, Vancouver June 23, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Methide, German steamer, 831, G. Schliker, Hsiching Aug. 2, General.—JARDINE & CO.

Hopson, British str., 1,300, J. M. Hay, Chingwaio July 28, Coal.—JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO. LD.

Capri, Italian steamer, 2,082, Portanato, Moji July 29, General.—CARLWITZ & CO.

August 4.

Adams, British str., 3,100, R. C. D. Bradley, Calcutta July 18, Poochow 24, and Singapore 29, General.—JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO. LD.

Ambrisa, British str., 1,354, J. B. Harris, Shanghai July 31, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Chidokawa Maru, Japanese str., 2,837, Katsushima, Calcutta and Singapore July 29, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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